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***Response to Arguments***

1. The reply brief filed 13 July 2008 has been entered and noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mia M. Thomas whose telephone number is (571)270-1583. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm.

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